GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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NPRPD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people suffering from visual hearing, speech and locomotor disabilities as per 1991 census;

(b) the number of such persons as per census of 2001;

(c) the initiative taken by the Government for rehabilitation of such persons with disabilities;

(d) the number of Districts/States covered under the National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disability (NPRPD) scheme, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken to cover all the districts during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) The census of 1991 did not include questions on the status of persons with disabilities. However, as per estimates of a Sample Survey, carried out in 1991 by National Sample Survey Organizations (NSSO), there were 16.15 million persons with physical disabilities; constituting 1.9% of the estimated population.

(b) The census of 2001 has included information on the status of persons with disabilities but the compiled figures are not available as yet.

(c) Government has, in recent years, taken a number of initiatives for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. These include- enactment of `Persons with Disabilities Act 1995`; National Trust for Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act; establishment of National handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC); Implementation of NPRPD; establishment of Composite Rehabilitation Centers; District Disability Rehabilitation Centers; Regional Rehabilitation Centers for persons with spinal injuries and other orthopaedic disabilities etc. and considerable enhancement of the annual allocation for the disability sector over the last five years.

(d) The NPRPD scheme has been launched in the year 1999-2000 as a State Sector scheme. During the year 2000-2001, an amount Rs.55.52 crores has been released to cover 82 districts throughout the country (Annexure-A). The same districts are continuing in the year 2001-2002 also.

(e) It is proposed to cover all the districts in the country in a phased manner.

Annexure-A

National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with disabilities (NPRPD)

S.NO	STATE/UT	NO. OF DISTRICTS (FOR STATE CENTRE)	AMOUNT RELEASED DURING 1999-2000 (RS. IN LAKHS)	DISTRICTS TO BE COVERED DURING 2000-2001	AMOUNT RELEASED (RS. IN LAKHS)
1	Arunachal Pra	13	12.50	3	198.35
2	Assam	23	12.50	4	260.3
3	Andhra Pradesh	23	12.50	2	136.4
4	Orissa	30	25.00	3	198.35
5	Uttar Pradesh	70	25.00	7	446.15
6	Uttranchal	13	Nil	2	148.9
7	Karnataka	27	25.00	3	198.35
8	Kerala	14	12.50	2	136.4
9	Gujarat	25	12.50	3	198.35

10	Goa	2	12.50	1	74.45
11	Jammu & Kashmir	14	12.50	2	136.4
12	Tamil Nadu	29	25.00	3	198.35
13	Tripura	4	12.50	1	74.45
14	Nagaland	8	12.50	2	136.4
15	Punjab	17	12.50	2	136.4
16	West Bengal	18	12.50	2	136.4
17	Bihar	37	25.00	5	322.25
18	Jharkhand	18	Nil	3	210.85
19	Manipur	8	12.50	2	136.4
20	Madhya Pradesh	45	25.00	6	384.2
21	Chhatisgarh	16	Nil	3	207.9
22	Maharashtra	33	25.00	3	198.35
23	Meghalaya	7	12.50	2	136.4
24	Mizoram	3	12.50	1	74.45
25	Rajasthan	32	25.00	3	198.35
26	Sikkim	4	12.50	1	74.45
27	Haryana	19	12.50	2	136.4
28	Himachal Pra	12	12.50	2	136.4
29	Andeman Nicobar	2	12.50	1	74.45
30	Chandigarh	1	12.50	1	74.45
31	Daman & Diu	2	12.50	1	74.45
32	D & Na Haveli	1	12.50	1	74.45
33	Delhi	1	12.50	1	74.45
34	Pondicherry	4	12.50	1	74.45
35	Lakshdweep	1	12.50	1	74.45
TOTAL :		576	500.00	82	5551.95